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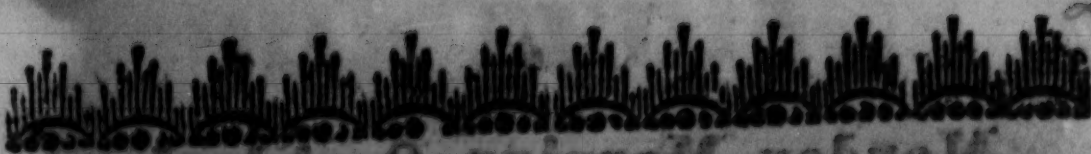
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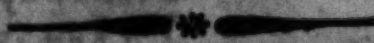
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ON Saturday previous, some of the Reverend Clergy had already met at the above stated place, and at 2 o'clock P. M. a preparatory discourse for the Lord's Supper was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Fast, from Acts 3, 19, whereupon confession and absolution were solemnized by the Pastor of the congregation.

In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Kugler preached in the German language from 1 Peter 3, 5.

On Sunday morning the Ministers and Deputies convened at the house of the Rev Mr Steck, the Pastor of the place, from whence, at 10 o'clock, they proceeded in solemn procession to the church, where the Rev Messrs Wagenhals and A. Henkel delivered appropriate discourses to a large and attentive assembly; namely, the former gentleman in the German language from John 15, 5, and the latter in the English, from Luke 14, 18, whereupon, after the usual ceremonies, the Holy Supper of our precious Redeemer Jesus was administered, first to the Clergy and lay Delegates, and then to the congregation, as usual.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev Mr Heincke delivered a pastoral discourse from Acts 20, 28. At candle-light, the Rev Mr C. Henkel delivered a sermon in the English language from Ps. 34, 7.

Monday Morning--9 o'clock.

After a unanimous meeting of the Ministers and lay Delegates in the church, the Synod, in absence of the Rev. President, was solemnly opened by the Secretary, Rev Mr. Steck, jun. The commencement was made by singing the suitable verses:

"Kindle thy love within my soul;"

Whereupon the whole assembly bowed their knees before the Triune God, imploring in fervent and moving prayer the guidance of the holy spirit, in the prosecution of their important transactions concerning the blessed kingdom of Jesus.

The following Ministers were present:

1	Pastor Leist, from	Pickaway County, Ohio.
2	Reaman,	Pickaway Co. O.
3	Espich,	New Philadelphia, O.
4	Steck, jun.	Lancaster, O.
5	A Henkel,	Germantown, Montg. co. O.
6	Kemmerer,	Zanesville, Ohio.
7	C. Henkel,	Somerset, Ohio.
8	Heincke,	Miamisburg, Montg. co. O.
9	Wagenhals,	New Philadelphia, Ohio.
10	Cand. Manning,	Annapolis, Jefferson co, Ohio.
11	Fast,	Stark county, O.
12	Catechist Kugler,	Mercer county, Pa.
13	Sheffer,	Columbiana county, O.

Hereupon the following gentlemen exhibited the certificates of their appointments, and as Delegates from their respective congregations entitled to vote, took their seats:—

1	Mr G. Nigh, from	Fairfield county, O.
2	Jacob Beck,	Lancaster, O.
3	Shaffer,	Germantown, O.
4	George Zigler,	Somerset, O.
5	Jacob Messer,	Zanesville, O.
6	George Mettard,	Montgomery county, O.
7	Samuel Stough,	New Philadelphia, O.
8	David Shuck,	Stark county, O.

The Synod, therefore, consisted of 19 members:

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Messrs Gruber, Rothacker, Zerfas, and Buse presented themselves as applicants.

The following members were absent:

Rev. Senior Steck,	with excuse.
== Pastor Stough,	do do
== == Weygandt	do
== == Weyer,	deceased.
== == Huet,	with excuse.
== == Reinhart,	do. do.
== == Schneider,	without excuse.
== == Schuh,	with excuse
== == Mechling,	do. do.
== == Schweitzerbarth,	without excuse.
== Candidate Melsheimer,	do do
== == Smith,	with excuse.

Hereupon the Rev Pastor Sharrets, a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod, was introduced to this body, and upon motion, entitled to vote.

The Synod then proceeded to elect their officers for the present year, and after the collection and counting of votes it appeared that the

Rev. Pastor A. HENKEL was elected President,
== == H. HEINCKE, Secretary,
== == KEMMERER, Treasurer.

After the Synod had thus again become organized, the different communications were handed to the President, numbered, and by him distributed among three committees, with instructions to report in the afternoon.

The first committee consisted of the Rev Messrs Leist, C Henkel and lay delegate Nigh.

The second committee consisted of the Rev Messrs Wagenhals, Fast and lay delegate S Stough.

The third committee consisted of the Rev Messrs Reaman, Espich and lay delegate Shaeffer.

After the said committees were appointed, the forenoon session was closed with prayer.

Monday Afternoon.

At 2 o'clock, the Rev Mr Kemmerer preached a funeral sermon in the church, from Rev 20, 12. 13—therefore the transactions of the Synod could not be commenced again till half after 4 o'clock. After the session was opened by prayer, the before named committees were requested by the President to report,

The first committee made the following report—

No 1 contains a letter from our worthy Senior, J. M. Steck, of Greensburg, Pa wherein he excuses his absence from our present session in consequence of his age and debility. He highly regrets that he is unable to attend the Synod on said accounts. He, however, consoles himself with the sure and glorious hope, that he, and his beloved brethren shall see themselves again in another and better world. He wishes that the rich blessings of God may attend the transactions of the Synod, and that all the proceedings of the same might be transacted with deliberation and cautiousness. The committee propose that the letter of this Hon father be read publicly.

This proposition being unanimously adopted, the letter was read, and the affection and friendship expressed therein toward this body, gave great pleasure to the Synod, and the same willingly excused this venerable father.

This No contains, secondly, several letters from Wolf-creek congregation, in Mercer county, Pa. with complaints against the Rev Mr Kugler. The committee propose to the Synod that these letters be postponed to the Ministerial Session—adopted.

No. 2 contains petitions from the united congregations in Franklin and Delaware counties, viz—Columbus, Heltzel's, Delaware and Reidenour's, in which they earnestly pray to be furnished with a Minister. The committee propose that said petitions be read before the Synod—were read and postponed until to-morrow.

The same No moreover, contains a petition from the congregation in Lancaster and those in its vicinity, praying the Synod for the Rev Mr Wagenhals as their preacher, because their present Minister, Rev M J Steck, jun, intends

to leave them, & thus they will become vacant. The committee likewise propose that this petition be read publicly.

Resolved, To be postponed until to-morrow.

The same No contains a letter from Rev Mr Shub, in which he giveth an account of his journey through the Sandusky country, of his official transactions, and of his collection for the Synodical Treasury. The committee deem it proper that said letter be read before the Synod—approved.

After the reading of the letter, it was

Resolved, That said letter be returned to the committee, with the instruction to make extracts therefrom, and report to the Synod to-morrow.

No 3 contains several communications from Salem, Michael, Sandy and Jacob's congregations in Stark and Columbiana counties, expressing their approbation of their teacher, Rev Mr Shaeffer, and praying Synod to promote him in office.

In this report, the Synod heartily rejoice, respecting the promotion of Mr Shaeffer in office—was postponed to the Ministerial session.

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

No 4 contains a report of Mr Espich's missionary services, from which it appears that he did not fully complete his mission, as appointed by the Synod, but only served 14 days as missionary within this year. He travelled 177 miles, delivered 7 sermons, and baptised 10 children.

Resolved, That Mr Espich be excused for not having completed his mission, and that he be permitted to accomplish it within the present year, and that 15 dollars be paid to him out of the treasury for his services already performed and those to be completed yet.

No 5 contains several communications from Good Hope, Eberhard's, Sowashe and Herbst's congregations, in Mercer and Beaver counties, Pa. and from Zion's church at Wolf's creek, wherein they express their approbation with their present teacher, Rev Mr Kugler, wishing that he may be continued as their Minister. They also solicit the Synod that permission might be granted to their said Minister to administer all the Ministerial acts in said congregations.

The Synod highly rejoice in this good report, and readily grant the request, that he may be continued as their Minister. Concerning his promotion in office was postponed to the Ministerial session.

No 6 is a letter from Rev Mr Smith, wherein he acquaints the Synod that in consequence of indisposition he is unable to attend at this session. He also transmits a sermon and some dispositions, prays for the renewal of his license, and invokes the blessings of the Lord on their proceedings.

Resolved, That Mr Smith be excused for his non-attendance under existing circumstances, and that the Synod will have a regard for the renewal of his license in the Ministerial session.

This No moreover, contains several testimonials in favor of Mr C. F. Buse. The committee recommend the said testimonials to the closer consideration of the Synod. It also contains letters from several congregations in Stark county, expressing their approbation with Mr Buse, as their teacher, and praying the Synod to examine him, and if the Synod should approve of his doctrine and conduct, to grant license to him as their Minister.

The committee propose to the Synod, to be postponed to the Ministerial session—adopted.

No 16 contains a letter from Mr Kibler and a testimonial and petition from the Church Council of the congregations of said Mr Kibler in Astentown and Weatherfield townships, Trumbull county. The committee do not wish to make any remarks concerning the contents of these documents, but would recommend them to be read before the Synod.

They being read, it was

Resolved, That this Synod cannot take cognizance of Mr Kibler, because he is no member of our Synod; and we being credibly informed that he always acted inordinately, when he was a member of the Maryland and Virginia, and West Pennsylvania Synods, and because it appears by all information, that he acts thus yet, and the officers of the Synod are instructed to inform Mr Kibler and the above named congregations, of this resolution as soon as possible.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening, the Rev Mr Shaffer preached from Rev 3: 20, in the German language.

Tuesday Morning--8 o'clock.

After the opening of the session with singing and prayer, the Rev Mr Steuerwald, a member of the Synod of Tennessee, was introduced to this body, and upon motion, entitled to vote.

No 7 contains two petitions from the congregations in New Philadelphia and Centreville, wherein they express their perfect contentment with their present teacher, Rev. Mr Wagenhals, soliciting the Synod for a longer continuance of their Minister among them.

No 8 contains four petitions from Canton, Stark county, and the congregations in its vicinity, in which they pray the Hon Synod to have Rev Mr Wagenhals for their Minister.

The committee, after due deliberation, recommend the above documents to the investigation and decision of the Ministerial session.

No 9 contains a Communication from Zion's congregation, in Tuscarawas county, wherein they express their approbation with the ministry of their present Pastor, Rev Mr. Wagenhals, desiring that he might still longer be continued as a Minister among them. They, however, being informed that a call from Canton was directed to their said minister, would solicit the Hon Synod to grant them Mr. Shaeffer as their preacher, in case that Mr Wagenhals should deem it proper to accept this call, else their congregations would remain without a preacher.

Resolved, That the consideration of the different petitions relative to Mr Wagenhals, be postponed to the ministerial session.

No 10 contains a petition from Henry's congregation, in Stark county, praying to obtain Mr Fast for their minister.

Resolved, That Rev Mr Fast be permitted to accept said congregation.

No 11 contains a petition from Westfork congregation, soliciting the Synod to have Mr Rothacker or Rev Mr. Shaeffer for their preacher.

Resolved, That Mr Rothacker be permitted to take charge of said congregation, provided he pass examination.

No 12 contains a petition from the congregations Newmarket and Brushcreek, Highland county, who represent

their destitute condition, and pray that the Hon Synod would furnish them with a minister.

Resolved, That the Rev President and Secretary of the Synod visit them once within this year.

No 13 contains a letter from the Rev father Slough, wherein he excuses his absence from the Synod, and transmits an account of his official transactions. The committee propose that this letter be read publicly—adopted; and

Resolved, That two members be nominated to write to this Hon father, and that he be appointed to serve as missionary (not more than three months) and visit such places as he may think proper, and that he receive \$25 per month out of the treasury for his services.

Messrs Raman and Esipich, in association with Mr. Nigh, were appointed by the President to write to Mr. Slough.

No 14 contains a letter from Rev Mr Weygandt, wherein he excuses his absence from the Synod. He also transmits a report of his parochial acts. The committee think proper that said letter be also read to the Synod—approved—and unanimously

Resolved, That in consequence of the affection, friendship and attachment which this Honorable brother did always prove toward this body, and on account of his assiduous attendance at our different sessions, he be readily excused—although his presence would have afforded us much pleasure.

No 15, a communication from Mr Peter Traxel, of Stark county, wherein he transmits an account of the official transactions of their late Pastor, Rev Mr. Weyer, deceased.

Resolved, That the Synod tender their thanks to Mr. Traxel and the other members of the congregations of the Rev Mr Weyer, for their reports concerning the deceased.

Relative to the petitions of the congregations in Columbus and its vicinity, (which were postponed until to-day) it was

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Resolved. That the Rev Mr Steuerwald, a member of the Synod of Tennessee, be permitted to take charge of said congregations, in case they can come up on terms, and provided he becomes a member of our body.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon--2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer.

The committee consisting of Rev Messrs Leist, A. Henkel and Heincke, who had been appointed by the last session, to devise a plan for the erecting of a Seminary of learning, for the purpose of educating young men for the office of the Ministry, were now requested to report. They accordingly made the following report:—

"The committee took in due consideration this important object, and they are convinced that an institution for the purpose of educating young men for the office of the Ministry, would be of great benefit. They, however, perceive that for the present time we are not in the possession of the means to effect or commence such an institution; therefore, it is the opinion of the committee, that we endeavor to provide for our young men as heretofore, in the best manner, until Providence, in the course of time, shall open other sources for us."

Resolved, That the said report be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, for the purpose, to devise a plan for the publication of a monthly religious paper, to be published under the auspices of the Synod; and that said committee report to-morrow.

To this committee were appointed the Rev Messrs. Leist, Espich, and lay delegate Mr Zeigler.

The committee appointed to make extracts from Mr Shub's letter, made the following report.

They observed in the letter of Mr Shub, that the

said brother pursued his missionary tour through the Sandusky country with a great deal of trouble, and that the state of our brethren in that part of the country requires our particular attention. He gives an account of several neighborhoods who desire greatly to be visited by missionaries of our Communion; and that those parts of the country would afford a great opening for the extension of our spiritual Zion, and the establishing of flourishing congregations. During his travels through the said country, he delivered 20 sermons in both languages, baptised 22 children, administered the Lord's Supper to 29 communicants, and collected \$5 47 for the Synodical treasury. He further states that the 6 congregations in Richland county, formerly under his charge, solicit the Hon Synod, by him, to be furnished again with a Minister within this year.

Resolved, That the Rev Mr Espich be appointed to visit the said congregations in Richland county, and the vacant congregations in Tuscarawas county, as often as possible within this year. He likewise advises the Hon Synod, in his letter, to establish a Depository of German and English Catechisms and Hymn books, that the members of our body might have an opportunity to obtain the necessary books therefrom. He also states his reasons for giving this advice, namely: for want of the necessary books, he was prevented to catechise the youth for three years.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That such a Depository is not practicable; but the Synod advise the Ministers of our District to provide for the necessary books, in their own circuits by the medium of a storekeeper.

He moreover mentions that a certain Mr George Wagner, in Sandusky country, formerly a member and preacher of the United Brethren, hath a strong desire not only to become a member of our church, but also to study Theology and become a Minister of our Communion. Mr Shub thinks that, perhaps, it might be expedient to assist this man with pecuniary aid to pros.

ecute his theological studies. He also wishes to charge the said Mr Wagener with the care of some vacant congregations, provided the Synod approve of it.

Resolved, That Mr Shuh be advised to encourage Mr Wagener to a prosecution of the study of Theology under his inspection, and then to present himself to our next Synod; and in case the Synod should deem it proper, they will assist him.

Relative to an advice of Mr Shuh, that all young men who are, for the future, admitted as Ministers in our Communion, should serve as missionaries for 2 or 3 months before their installation in their congregations, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this advice be adopted.

As Mr Simon performed a missionary tour in the state of Indiana, in the place of Rev Mr Henkel, the present President, who was appointed for it; it was

Resolved, That Mr Simon receive \$15 out of the treasury, the same being allowed to Mr Henkel for the performance of those services.

Resolved, That Mr Heincke be excused, on account of certain circumstances, for not having performed his missionary journey in the same state.

The President appointed Messrs Fast and Shuck a committee to examine the proceedings of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio, and of the West Pennsylvania Classis of the German Reformed Synod of Pennsylvania.

The committee report that they discovered nothing in the proceedings of the West Pennsylvania Classis referring to our Synod, but that these brethren had concluded to send to our body 23 copies of their proceedings (which were received.)

The Synod recognize thankfully, the love of these brethren, by transmitting of their proceedings to us, and to express our mutual love and respect for them, it was concluded that 18 copies of our proceedings should be forwarded to them.

On examining the transactions of the German Re-

formed Synod of Ohio, the committee discovered that these brethren had determined to send 25 copies of their proceedings to our Synod, and that the said Synod in their last year's session had appointed a committee to confer with a committee of our body, for the purpose of negotiating an alteration in the time when our Synods shall be held.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to these brethren for the love and friendship they manifest toward us, through the transmission of their proceedings, and that we in return express our love toward that body by sending them 18 copies of our Synodical proceedings; and as the committee appointed by our Synod for the above mentioned purpose had no opportunity to confer with their committee, the President is authorized to appoint a new committee for the same design, in case that Synod do likewise appoint one.

Messrs Reaman, Fast and Messer were appointed by the President, a committee to examine the state of the Treasury and report thereon.

The parochial reports were now made by the Reverend Clergy, agreeably to order, and are as follows:—

	Bapt.	Conf.	Com.	Deaths.	Sch.
Pastor Steck, sen.	132	54	578	21	5
Stough,	109	29	426	10	5
Weygandt,	69	57	562	14	2
Huet,	95	—	563	8	9
Weyer,	34	—	—	—	—
Reinhart, not reported,	—	—	—	—	—
Leist,	154	—	502	16	9
Reaman,	48	—	—	5	2
Espich,	34	—	46	4	2
Steck jun.	132	62	427	24	3
Schneider, not reported	—	—	—	—	—
A. Henkel, 1828, 161	—	68	459	53	6
" 1829, 154	—	52	262		
Shuh,	60	—	80	5	—
Kemmeter,	37	18	151	7	—
Meehling,	139	15	506	25	—

	Bapt.	Conf.	Com.	Deaths	Sch.
C. Henkel,	124	101	580	22	1
Heincke 1828,	53	41	299	11	4
" " 1829,	60	43	479	15	4
Schweitzerbarth, not reported,	—	—	—	—	—
Wagenhals,	147	98	895	13	—
Candidate Manning,	137	13	273	11	—
Fest,	91	47	299	21	7
Melsheimer, not reported,	—	—	—	—	—
Smith, not reported,	—	—	—	—	—
Catechist, Kugler,	30	—	—	1	3
Shaeffer,	46	—	—	6	1
Total,	2046	708	7387	292	63

On motion,

Resolved, That three Ministers be appointed to be a committee of correspondence with Europe. To this committee were appointed Rev Messrs Espich, Heincke, and Wagenhals.

The session was closed with impressive prayer.

This evening, at early candle light, Rev Mr Sharrets delivered a sermon in the English language from Matthew 5, 16.

Wednesday Morning--8 o'clock.

After the session was opened with singing and prayer, the Synod proceeded to business.

The committee appointed yesterday to devise a plan for the publication of a religious paper, report as follows:—

"For the present time we cannot propose a better plan as that which is contained in the proceedings of the Hon sister Synod of West Pennsylvania, and adopted by that body for the same purpose, however, with such alterations which comport better with the situation and circumstances of our Synod, viz—

The title of this paper is to be *The Evangelical Lutheran Voice from the West*, a periodical religious paper, published under the auspices of the Lutheran Synod of Ohio, in the German language.

1st. This periodical shall be printed upon good white paper, large octavo.

2d. It shall be published monthly, each No. containing 24 pages.

3d. It shall be forwarded to subscribers every month, and at the expiration of the year, a title page and index of the contents shall be added to the work.

4th The subscription price is \$1 per year, payable on the receipt of the first No. or \$1 25 at the expiration of the year.

5th The "Voice of the West" is published under the auspices of the Synod.

6th If any profit should arise from the publication of this paper, it shall be added to the Synodical Treasury, for the purpose of sending missionaries and aiding young men in the prosecution of their theological studies.

Resolved, That this plan be accepted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to compose proposals for the publication of this periodical; and after they have been printed, to transmit them as soon as possible to the members of the Synod; and that the expenses of printing them be paid by the said members, and that it be their duty to procure subscribers for the work, and to present the number of their subscribers to the next session of the Synod.

To this committee were appointed Rev Messrs Leist, C. Henkel and Kemmerer.

The committee appointed to examine the state of the Treasury report as follows—

Money remaining in Treasury from last year, \$450 91

EXPENDITURES THIS YEAR:

Paid to Mr Espich, as missionary preacher

by Rev Mr Schneider, ... \$15 00

Paid to Mr Shaeffer for the further promo-

tion of his studies, ... 20 00

Paid to Rev Mr Steck in advance for the

printing of last year's proceedings, . . . 35 00

Paid to Mr John Herman an arrearage for

printing our proceedings of 1828, . . . 8 25

Paid to Rev Mr Saub for missionary services, 30 00

Paid to Rev Mr Stough, for the same, . . . 6 00

Paid to Rev Mr Reaman, for the same, by

Rev Mr Leist, ... 5 00

—119 25

Remain in the Treasury, \$331 66

The following collections of money for the Synodical Treasury were now received:

Pastor Steck, sen.	\$	—	—
Stough,	—	—	—
Weygandt,	7	—	—
Huet,	6	50	—
Reinhart,	—	—	—
Leist	13	37	1/2
Reaman,	—	—	—
Espich,	—	—	—
Steck, jun.	20	—	—
Schneider,	—	—	—
A. Henkel, last year's collection,	19	20	—
this year's,	13	42	—
Kemmerer,	7	40	1/2
Mechling,	8	94	3/4
C. Henkel	15	72	1/2
Heincke, last year's collection	12	40	—
this year's	10	38	—
Schweitzerbarth,	—	—	—
Wegenhals,	22	25	—
Candidate Manning,	5	00	—
Fast,	4	31	1/4
Melsheimer,	—	—	—
Catechist Kugler,	2	1	—
Shaeffer,	1	77	1/2
Total,	\$	169	67

The Synod highly regret that many, especially of our young brethren, did not attend at our present session, and that they neither transmitted any excuse on account of their absence; and that many neglect to send their collections when they do not attend.

Resolved, That Mr Gruber serve (not more than) two months as missionary in the state of Indiana, provided he pass examination; and that he receive 15 dollars per month out of the Treasury for his services; 15 dollars in advance, and the remaining after the completion of his journey.

Resolved, That Rev Mr Espich visit the congregations in Belmont county, and in its vicinity, within the present year.

and that he according to circumstances receive a recompense for his services.

Resolved, That Rev Mr Kemmerer visit the congregations in the vicinity of Washington, Guernsey county, once within this year.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same number of copies of this year's proceedings of our Synod as were printed last year (namely 1500 in the German, and 400 in the English language) be printed and distributed among the members of our church. Likewise, that the same number of copies be transmitted to our sister Synods this year, which had been forwarded to them in the past, as a manifestation of our love and friendship toward them,

Resolved, That the same committee, appointed last year, to form an acquaintance with the several Liturgies of our sister Synods, be appointed to present an English Liturgy to this body at their next session.

The Rev Mr Sharrets informed the Synod that our Hon. sister Synod of West Pennsylvania had determined to send a number of copies of their last proceedings to us; but they not having arrived at our present session, happened without the fault of said body, by some circumstance. He therefore apologises for his brethren.

Resolved, That 25 dollars be paid in advance to the Secretary, out of the Treasury, for the promotion of the printing of our proceedings.

The place of meeting of our next Synod was now determined by ballot; and after counting the votes it appeared that ZANESVILLE, Ohio, be the specified place of our next meeting.

The business of the Synod being now closed, the President dismissed the Deputies after having rendered sincere thanks to them for their assistance in our transactions, and having invoked the blessing of God to rest upon them; whereupon the session was closed with an impressive prayer.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Wednesday Afternoon--2 o'clock.

The session was opened by the President with singing and solemn prayer.

The complaints against Mr Kugler, from Wolfcreek congregation, (see proceedings of the Synod, first committee) were now taken in consideration and examined, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Mr Kugler be not permitted for the present time to take charge of Wolf creek congregation, but that Rev Mr Huet and two Elders chosen by him, be appointed a committee to examine the differences between Mr Kugler and said congregation; and after having performed this, the said committee shall decide, according to their own judgment, whether Mr Kugler shall continue preaching in that church or not.

As the Rev Mr Wagenhals had committed to the decision of the Ministerium, which of the congregations praying for him, he should take charge of, this body appointed him Minister of the congregations in Lancaster and its vicinity.

Resolved, That Rev Mr Manning be ordained, provided he pass examination.

Resolved, That Messrs Kugler and Shaeffer be promoted to Candidates provided they pass examination.

The committee appointed to examine the said gentlemen and the applicants, consist of Messrs Leist, Steck, C Henkel and Heincke.

Resolved, That this Ministerium, for the present time, cannot comply with the wishes of the congregations praying for Mr Buse as their preacher, on account of complaints preferred against him.

The committee appointed to examine the journals and sermons of the Licentiates, reported favourably to their character.

Resolved, That the licences of the Messrs. Candidates be renewed.

The Ministerium, on account of accumulated business, was prevented to examine the original of a religious book composed by the Rev Mr Laross, Minister of the German Reformed Church, and presented to this body by the President; they however believe that, according to the information received, it can be recommended to the perusal of every christian.

The committee appointed to examine Mr Manning report that he had passed an honorable examination, and they recommend him to be ordained.

Resolved, That Mr Manning be ordained this evening.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening at early candle light, Rev Mr Manning delivered a sermon from Ps. 84. 10. 11.

Whereupon this gentleman was solemnly ordained as Pastor by the President, with the usual ceremonies, in the presence of a numerous and attentive assembly.

Thursday Morning--10 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the Catechists and Applicants, report that they found their theological sciences very promising; and that if they diligently persist in a further prosecution thereof, they may be very useful to the kingdom of Jesus.

The committee, therefore, propose to the Ministerium, that Messrs Eugler, Shaffer, Rothacker, and Gruber be admitted as Candidates, and Mr Zerfass be furnished with a catechetical license. Adopted.

Resolved, That Rev Mr Steck, Jun. be appointed a Delegate to meet the Hon Synod of West Pennsylvania, at their next session, and in case he should be prevented from proceeding thereto, Rev Mr Mechling be directed to supply the vacancy.

After the President had delivered a suitable and affectionate address to the audience, which marked the solemn occasion, the Messrs Applicants were, in the presence of the congregation, requested to appear.—

Their duties were read to them by the President, which they solemnly promised to observe, and their licenses were delivered to them. The inspection over Mr Zerfaas was committed to the Secretary.

After these solemn transactions were ended, an act of praise was tuned, and the whole assembly bowed in prayer before the Lord of Hosts, returned thanks to the faithful and gracious Shepherd, our high beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the many displays of his love and support, and supplicated him for the continuation of his grace and blessing upon themselves and the flocks committed to their charge.

The President rendered the warmest thanks to the congregation for the love and friendship manifested towards us during our stay among them; whereupon the brethren took their departure, under reciprocal and the most cordial wishes for their mutual prosperity.

Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the unmerited grace displayed towards us— Oh may it please Him to bestow His blessing upon these transactions; that they may be beneficial to His glorious kingdom; may it please Him to animate and assist us, that we may labour with indefatigable zeal, to promote the eternal welfare of immortal, by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, dear bought souls. O may the pure and precious doctrine of Christ crucified, contained in the Divine Gospel flourish among us. O may the Lord, Lord, further extend preserve and strengthen our Evangelical Zion, in these western regions. Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, be glory, praise and dominion forever and ever.—AMEN.

That the above was thus transacted in Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, in Trinity Week, 1829—certified,
HENRY HEINCKE, Secretary.

POSTSCRIPT.

MORTUARY.

The brethren of this Synod received with deep affliction, during this session, the grievous intelligence of the departure of their worthy brother, Rev Pastor WEYER, in Canton. His death hath deprived our church of an active and useful Pastor, and his loss is felt so much more because "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few." He departed this life the 30th of March last, in the 69th year of his age. The 28th May, 1812, he was licensed as a preacher by the Hon Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, in Carlisle. In the year 1813 he took charge of the congregations in Canton and its vicinity, and he officiated as a faithful servant in this parish until his death. May he rest in peace: may the spiritual seed sowed by him produce many fruits. Redeemed from the toils of this earthly pilgrimage, we hope he rests now with Him who hath promised—"where I am, there shall also my servant be,

Geographical and Statistical INFORMATION,

*Of the known Congregations and Minister's Stations of
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the
District of the Ohio Synod.*

Senior Steck, 5 Congregations—Greensburg, Brush-
creek, Manor, Zehner's, Herold's, in West-
moreland county, Pa.

Pastor Huet, 7 Cong.—Bethlehems, Zions, Liberty
and Christ in Trumbull, Good Hope, Israel and
Koenrich's, in Columbiana county.

Pastor Leist, 5 Cong.—Tarlton and Zions, in Picks-
way; Adelphi and Kinnickinick in Ross; and
Clearcreek in Fairfield counties, Ohio.

Pastor A Henkel, 6 Cong.—Germantown, Shaffer's and
St Peters in Montgomery; Clearcreek in Warren,
and Lewisburg and Alexandria in Preble counties,
Ohio.

Pastor C. Henkel, 6 Cong.—Somerset, Zions, New
Reading, Hoffnung's, and Smith's in Perry; and
Union in Muskingum counties, Ohio.

Pastor Kemmerer, 5 Cong.—Frieden's, Hoffnung's,
Southfork, and Zions in Muskingum; and Jerusa-
lems in Morgan counties, Ohio.

Pastor Mechling, 8 Cong.—Kinty's, Youngstown,
Ridge, Schwob's, Hoffnung's Salems, Brend's and
Donegal in Westmoreland county, Pa.

Pastor Heinicke, 7 Cong.—Miamisburg, Zions, St.
Johns and Bearcreek in Montgomery; Union in
Green; Zions and Jacobs in Butler counties, O.

Pastor Schweitzerbarth, 4 Cong.—Zelionople and
Harmony, Buechler's, Butler's, Bernhards, in
Butler county, Pa.

Pastor Wagenhals, 6 congregations—Lancaster, Glicks,
Zions Bloom, Ziggers, Clearcreek, Freesners, in
Fairfield county.

Pastor Mel-haimer, 3 Cong.—Peistville, Phillips, Sugar creek, Davids and Shearer's in Stark and Wayne counties Ohio.

Mr J Manning, 4 Cong.—St Clairville in Belmont co. Yellow creek, New Salem and Annapolis, (not stated in which counties these are) Ohio.

Mr J J Fast, 6 Cong.—Zions, Jacobs, Johns and Henrys in Stark; Thoradyke in Portage, and Emanuele in Wayne counties, Ohio.

Mr Kugler, 4 Cong.—Good Hope, Eberhart's Sowshe and Herbst's in Mercer and Beaver counties, Pa.

Mr Shaeffer, 4 Cong.—Salems, Michaels, Sandy and Jacobs in Stark and Columbiana counties, O.

Mr Rothacker, 6 congregations — Centerville and Hirsch's, in Columbiana; Schuber's and Romley, in Harrison; Waynesburg, in Stark; and Sandville, in Tuscarawas counties, Ohio.

The rest of the members presented no report of their congregations.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS IN OHIO.

1 in Morgan county.

1 in Coshocton county.

3 in Highland county—Brushcreek, Newmarket and Rockyfork congregations.

In Tuscarawas—Bauer's, New Philadelphia & Zions congregations.

In Franklin and Delaware counties—Columbus, Helzel's, Rideour's and Delaware congregations.

In Belmont county—St Clairville and Copteen cong.

In Stark county—Canton, and the other congregations formerly attended by the late Rev Pastor Weyer.

In Seneca county—Several congregations.

In Richland and Wayne counties—6 congregations.

IN INDIANA—Wayne county—Walnut Level congregation.

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